

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Broadcast flag is a very serious and unacceptable interference with legitimate personal use consumer-rights. An excessively restrictive preventive measure that would nevertheless most probably fail in its primary intent to limit big-business piracy. It creates an unhealthy environment, wholly inconsistent with all previously accepted standards of consumer-based copy-restrictions.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? Without any doubt, digital flag will interfere with every aspect of fair and honest consumer rights. Rather than achieve any lasting solutions, it will serve only to create another more problematic environment of enforcement.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Broadcast flag would create an unnecessary economic encumbrance for the average consumer. It will only severely limit consumer rights, but it will fail to provide the touted copyrights protection results.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Boadcast flag will greatly limit future technological development for both consumers and copyright owners.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

It will be an economic hardship, especially for those most unable to afford it.

Other Comments:

Please take a more consumer-rights protection perspective AGAINST BROADCAST FLAG. Please address the possibilities of solutions outside the restrictive regulatory-enforcement environment of broadcast flag. Thank you.